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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE  
PRESIDENT FROM CHIEF OF STATE JUAN ALBERTO MELGAR CASTRO

1. FYI: FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM MELGAR CASTRO.  
QUOTE. TO COMMEMORATE THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
PROCLAMATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA, I AM HONORED TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE WARMEST  
CONGRATULATIONS OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS,  
AND MY OWN PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS. I EXTEND TO YOU  
OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF YOUR  
FRIENDLY NATION AND FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL HEALTH AND  
HAPPINESS. JUAN ALBERTO MELGAR CASTRO, CHIEF OF STATE,  
REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE  
DELIVERED TO THE CHIEF OF STATE:

QUOTE. EXCELLENCY:

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ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK  
YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE  
COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S  
INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES RE-  
DEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF  
LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO  
WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS  
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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